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Sir:

Applicants have received an Issue Notification dated November 12, 2008 indicating that the above-referenced patent application will issue on December 2, 2008 as U.S. Patent No. 7,458,460. In view of the Supplemental Notice of Allowability dated September 23, 2008, Applicants were under the belief that a Supplemental Declaration was required to be filed before the application could issue. Accordingly, Applicants' attorney contacted the Office of Patent Publication and was informed that a Supplemental Declaration was not required for the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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